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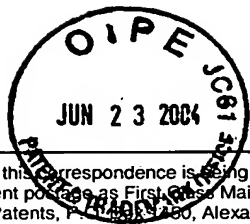
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:


In a restriction requirement mailed April 20, 2004, the Office restricted the claims into five groups. The Office asserted that the claimed subject matters of Groups I-V did not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because under that Rule, the claims asserted did not share the same or corresponding special technical feature in view of Blachere et al., J. Exp. Med. 186(8):1315-1322 (1997). The Office also asserted that PCT Rule 13 did not provide for multiple products or methods within a single application. In response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 21-31) with traverse.

Applicants further note that PCT Rule 13 does not prohibit multiple products or methods within a single application. Applicants submit that examination of claims of all five groups would not present an undue burden on the Examiner and respectfully request examination of all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any remaining issues or matters of form that will move this case to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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